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FORTY NINE ARE GRADUATED FROM COUNTRY SCHOOLS

There were forty-nine graduates in the country schools of Audrain county this year according to a report of Ed C. Offutt, county superintendent of schools.

This may not complete the list however as it is said five who are eligible to take the examinations have not done so on account of sickness and they will be given an opportunity to qualify for graduation, it is said. Excelsior, Culmer and Cedar Grove schools lead with six graduates each.

The complete list is as follows: Leona Dare, Oak Grove. Carson Gallier, West Lick. Walo Gibbs, McClintic.

Margaret Young and Roy Young, Ringo.

Mae Brown, Susie Mundy, Leta Creed, Ellis.

Helen Day and Zenus Stanberry, Duly.

Jewell Conley and Glen Davenport, Fox.

Ruth Martin, Excelsior.

Naomi Wilson, Excelsior.

Vivian Rector, Excelsior.

Roma Dewitt, Excelsior.

Fred Matteson, Excelsior.

Linwood Martin, Excelsior.

Helen Spellman, Pisgah.

Calvin Moorhead, Pisgah.

Harry Bowne, Pisgah.

E. L. Barker Daniel.

Clarence Littrell, Daniel.

Ruby Lange, Daniel.

Annie Culwell, Culwell.

Calvin Culwell, Culwell.

Floyd Lewis, Culwell.

Juanita Stephens, Culwell.

Willard Houston, Culwell.

Elizabeth Lemasters, Culwell.

Gilbert Moore, Pleasant Plains.

Jim Boyd, Pleasant Plains.

Opal Beedle, Pleasant Plains.

Henry Spencer, Pleasant Plains.

Roscoe Nucleus, Pleasant Plains.

Beatrice DeTienne, Crow.

Carrie DeTienne, Crow.

Carroll Jones, Jackson.

Hilda Willis, Jackson.

Clifford Winter, Washington.

Anna Lock Hamilton, Washington.

Evelyn Huff, Cedar Grove.

Elbert Booth, Cedar Grove.

Harvey Dean, Cedar Grove.

Loretta Dean, Cedar Grove.

Clarie Jesse, Cedar Grove.

Harold Jesse, Cedar Grove.

Francis Smith, Gant.

Walter McCowan, Gant.

HARDIN WILL IMPROVE OLD DORMITORY

Among the improvements to be made in Hardin College this year will be quite extensive work in the old college dormitory.

The entrance to the dormitory will be enlarged and made with a handsome lobby. Hardwood floors will be added to many rooms and a number of suites with bath will be added.

The room now occupied by the dining hall will be used for one of the college departments as the dining hall will be in the north end of the first floor of Richardson Hall.

The college plans extensive improvements in the next few years. Among them is the erection of an \$80,000 Conservatory of Music.

MADAME LAURA ROBERTSON WITH METROPOLITAN

In the announcement of artists engaged for the coming season by the Metropolitan Opera Co., of New York, is the name of Madame Laura Robertson, a former Mexico girl who has made a wonderful success in her chosen field and for whom both the Metropolitan and the Chicago opera company made offers this past winter.

ROTARY BIRD HOUSE CONTEST WINNERS IN

The Rotary Club's Boy Scout Bird House contest winners were named Saturday by Ben Elliott, the local architect, who judged the event. The houses will be placed in the city's various public grounds to further the care of song birds.

The following are the winners of the contest:

1st—Bradford Smith, \$5 prize.

2nd—Edward Gamble \$3 prize.

3rd—James Carter \$2 prize.

4th—Fred Lock Morris, \$1 prize.

5th—Coleman Stoltz, \$1 prize.

6th—Robert Precht, \$1 prize.

Mrs. McMillan Wins Many Show Prizes

Fulton's First Flower Show was declared a complete success by everyone who attended it.

Prizes were given for many groups of flowers and Mrs. D. A. McMillan, a former Mexican, whose husband was city superintendent of schools here for years, and for whom McMillan High School was named, was a prominent winner.

Mrs. McMillan took first prize in pink peonies, first in columbines, first in iris display, first in wild flowers and second in home grown roses.

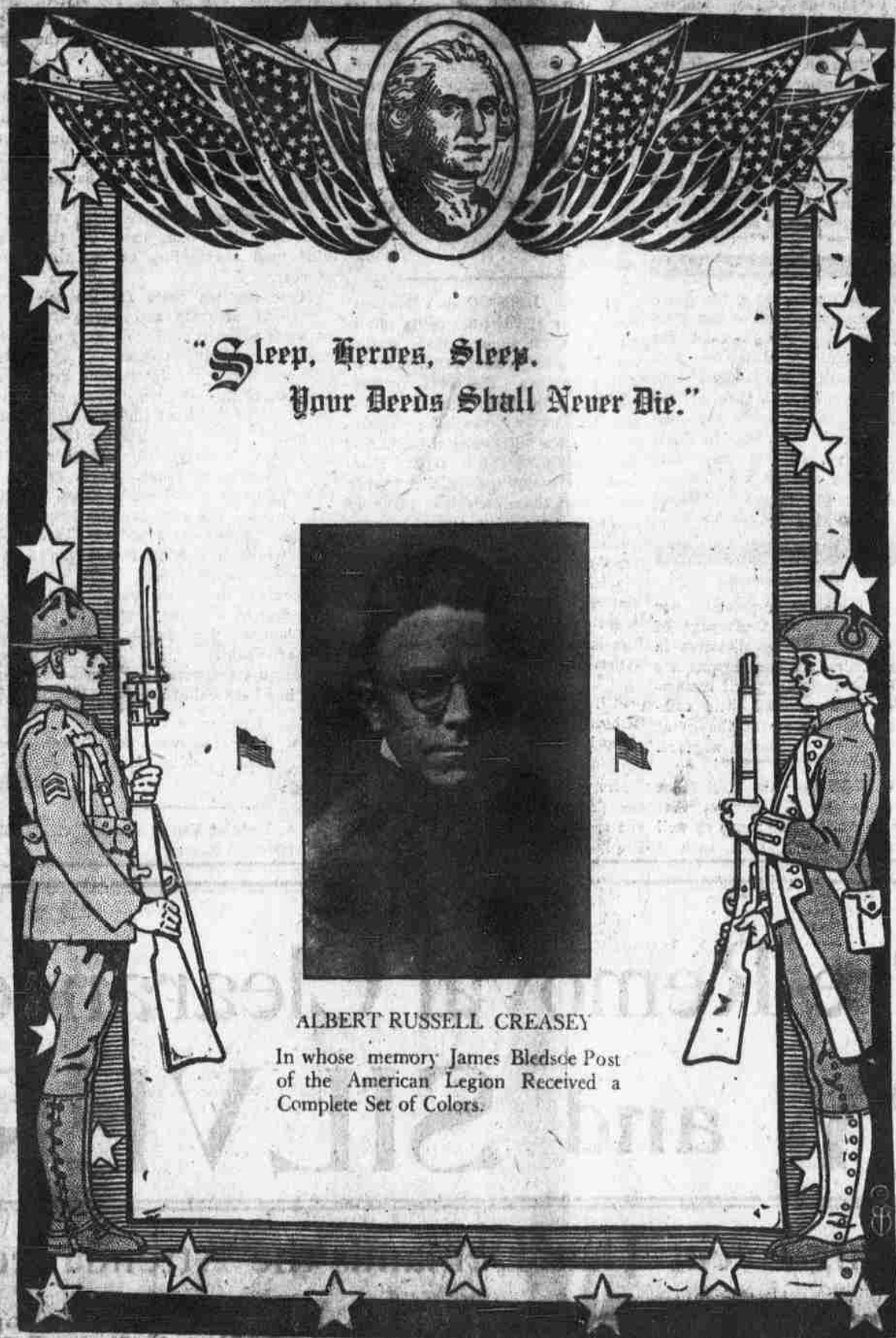
The judges were Mrs. George Toney representing Fulton, Miss Swart, of William Woods College and Mrs. James Gordon of Columbia.

SELBY SWIFT IS HOME ON VISIT FROM LA GRANGE COLLEGE; A GRADUATE

Selby Swift, son of J. T. Swift who lives 5 miles north of Mexico, is here on a visit for a few days from La Grange, Missouri, where he graduated this year from La Grange College, a Baptist School, with the degree of A. A. He has been athletic director there and will return to give this instruction during the summer school. This spring his team won the championship of Northeast Missouri with an ever-victorious team in nine games.

Next year Mr. Swift will go to some higher school but has not definitely decided just where he will attend.

He is a graduate of McMillan High School and taught the McClintock school, three miles north of Rush Hill two years before attending La Grange. He is always popular with all who know him and his many friends join with the Ledger in congratulating him on his success.



ALBERT RUSSELL CREASEY

In whose memory James Bledsoe Post of the American Legion Received a Complete Set of Colors.

DEDICATED to those who have given their lives that we might have freedom, Memorial Day should also be remembered for the patriotism of those who have made the supreme sacrifice for it was this patriotism that gives us our homes, our government and our civilization.

Hundreds of thousands have shown this patriotism but surely none has better demonstrated it than Albert Russell Creasey in whose memory James Bledsoe Post of the American Legion received this Memorial Day a complete set of colors consisting of Old Glory and the Post Flag of deep blue with gold lettering.

Given by relatives of Mr. Creasey, they are a work of art and very beautiful in the best of silk thoroughly waterproofed. The flags are four and a half by six feet, each on a standard nine feet nine inches in height with a spread eagle at the top, and with their gold fringe they will always be the pride of every local Legionnaire.

A plate on each standard carries this inscription:

Presented to
JAMES BLEDSOE POST
Number 26
American Legion
In Memory Of
ALBERT RUSSELL CREASEY
June 12th, 1891—October 25th, 1918.

The spirit of patriotism of Russell Creasey was remarkable. He enlisted in the field artillery at the beginning of the war and was sent to Camp Doniphan but when examined for overseas duty he was discharged because of poor eyesight. He returned to Kansas City where he was married Thanksgiving Day. He registered for the draft but was placed in class four which exempted him.

Undaunted he wrote his commanding officer Col. B. G. Danford, who had gone to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, as commander of the remount depot, requesting his help in getting back into the service. A letter was sent to Washington requesting that Creasey be accepted for service when he applied and that he be sent to Camp Jackson for service. This was complied with and so in May 1918 he was once more on his way to Berlin.

When accepted he wrote the following letter to his father:

Well I am in again. I attach hereto copies of the letters written by a Lieutenant Colonel of the Regular Army, in which he asked the Big Chief of the Army to have me sent to him in South Carolina. I am only waiting the formal order for me to go. And I am sure glad to get back in. I shall go to Columbia, South Carolina.

Colonel Danford is the commander of the Artillery Replacement forces and is a big man in every way and I am tickled to death to get in under him. I ought to get to France about November or December, possibly before.

I am sure is good to know that I am right on—trail again. I may have to kick him out of my way on the way to Berlin yet, or else grab him by the neck and hurry him along with me, for this man Danford is a whang in action.

I haven't heard from—since he got to France. I do know he is at the front and on the firing line, but that is all. He probably is in action by this time. He is in the First Army Corps, Second Field Army.

As Ever,
RUSSELL CREASEY.

Miss Ruth McCreary and her sister Miss Maude McCreary are here for a few days between the first and second terms of summer school at Kirksville. Miss Ruth taught last year at the Fox school and next year will teach at Elm Bend. They will return to Kirksville within a few days for the second summer term.

H. B. Plunkett has gone on a business trip to Texas. While he is gone Mrs. Plunkett will spend two weeks visiting in Harrisonville.

Mrs. Carter Norris of Fulton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller.

In October, while on a tour of inspection with Col. Danford a spirited horse reared with him and injured his leg so severely that infection set in from which he died October 25, 1918.

His spirit of patriotism and cheerfulness was best displayed by the following letter written on his death bed just nine days before the end:

I haven't heard from you for three weeks and was wondering if you had lost my address or had left the country. I'm still in the hospital but getting along fast and should be out shortly.

I was afraid for a time that peace would be declared before I got out of the hospital but I notice President Wilson put one over the same as usual and took a fresh hold. I am certainly glad he declared for a Military Victory rather than a Diplomatic Peace. I'd rather spend four more years in the army than see anything but a victory by the sword.

I haven't heard from—since I got here. I hear he is on the line but that is all.

RUSSELL CREASEY.

Memorial Day brings a thought for those who have given their lives for our country but as the years pass by we are prone to forget this fervid patriotism of those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Let us always carry in our hearts the thought so ably expressed by Edgar A. Guest:

These did not pass in selfishness; They died for all mankind; They died to build a better world; For all who stay behind; And we who hold their memory dear, And bring them flowers today, Should consecrate our lives once more To live and die as they.

Big Fishing Trip.
J. W. Lloyd and family, J. W. Behan and family, and E. A. Behan and family made up a fishing party at Cook's Grove recently. They brought in twenty pounds. John Lloyd, Jr., the youngest fisherman in the crowd, caught the biggest fish, a blue cat two feet long.

Mrs. Walter Lewis has returned from a visit with Mrs. William Henderson near Fulton.

Mrs. W. H. Debo has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Chal. Henderson of Moline was a business visitor in Mexico Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, of S. Jefferson street are home from a delightful stay in Hot Springs, Ark.

Miss Catherine Rockenstein is visiting in St. Louis. She will be accompanied home the latter part of next week by her aunt Miss Kate Rockenstein.

The Misses Martha Denning and Gertrude Graham spent several days visiting friends in Auxvasse.

W. W. Hill is making improvements on his place on East Orange Street. He is remodeling his house, building new fence and setting out a number of fruit trees.

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NEW RULES GOVERN RURAL ROUTE CARRIERS

With a recent change in the rulings of the Postal Department, it will be necessary for each community to keep its roads in the best possible condition if regular rural carrier service is wanted. All postmasters have been warned not to permit any carrier to take needless risks in delivering the mails, and where the roads are not kept up to a suitable standard service is to be curtailed. With the changes in service effective recently as a warning, the patrons and road supervisors are requested by Postmaster Jackson to do all they possibly can to get the roads in good condition at once.

The rural carriers working out of the Mexico post office travel about 190 miles a day under ordinary conditions but with the roads in the deplorable condition they have been in recently much less mileage has been made and thus many of the patrons have not been receiving their mail as often as they should.

When the roads are such that the carriers can use their cars, all routes are covered and mail collected is dispatched from Mexico before noon. This is very important as in many instances it is a saving of twelve to twenty-four hours at the destination of the article sent. When it is necessary to use a horse-drawn vehicle, however, the carrier is fortunate to be back from his route by 2:30 or 3 o'clock which greatly delays the mail.

NO MEXICO INDUSTRIES CRIPPLED

The citizens of Mexico hardly realize there has been a coal strike for the last two months as at this time of the year they have no need of coal and all public utilities, who are great consumers of coal, are still functioning.

When the strike started the Missouri Utilities had more than a three month's supply on hand and still have enough to last them about forty-five days.

The storage of this coal and the waste has cost them about \$3,000. If the strike does not end within three weeks it will be necessary for them to buy coal from Kentucky which will cost them about \$100 a day more to run their plants than at present, due to the higher prices and the longer freight hauling.

There is no danger of the Utilities Company not maintaining their plants at a full capacity it is said, and if necessary they will use the coal mined at Fulton, and of which there is a large quantity. It is not satisfactory for their purpose however, and if it is possible to get a better grade they will do so.

The A. P. Green Fire Brick Company had a six weeks' supply on hand at the time the strike started and have found it necessary to pay a higher price for coal than formerly. In fact the strike is costing them about \$300 a day but there is no particular shortage of the kinds they use. It only being necessary to pay the higher freight rates for longer hauling and a slightly higher price at the mines.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that the strike cannot last more than six weeks longer.

SHERIFF BLUM CASTS SUSPICIOUS EYE ON EVERY COURT HOUSE ATTACHE

The sheriff has lost a prisoner! Captured late Saturday afternoon on a charge of trespassing Sheriff Blum placed his prisoner in a temporary hold-over in the basement of the Court House expecting to dispose of her later but when he returned the prisoner was gone without leaving a clue as to where or how she made her get-away.

The prisoner, which was the feathered variety of chicken, was expected to make a nice Sunday dinner for the Sheriff at the jail and now he is casting suspicious eyes on every Court House attache in hopes he will find the culprit who deprived him of this delicacy.

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